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I may add that I have unquestionable information of the presence of plague in Macao to the extent of 10 to 20 cases per diem, of its appearance at Hongkong, and its existence, to an undetermined degree, at the ports of Amoy, Swatow, and Foochow, at the two latter being undeniably epidemic.

The Japanese quarantine regulations have gone into effect as regards vessels coming from Shanghai and all ports in China to the south of that city.

Should plague obtain a foothold in Japan the regulations will be immediately, and as stringently as possible, enforced upon all vessels sailing for United States ports.

I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

STUART ELDRIDGE, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

[Inclosure.]

Report of infectious disease in Japan, May 31 to June 8, 1897.

Locality.	Smallpox.		Locality.	Smallpox.	
	Cases.	Deaths.		Cases.	Deaths.
Kioto Fu.....	5	.....	Nagano Ken.....	.....	.....
Osaka Fu.....	50	20	Nagasaki Ken *.....	158	40
Tokyo Fu.....	.....	.....	Nara Ken.....	.....	.....
Aichi Ken.....	23	6	Niigata Ken.....	45	17
Akita Ken.....	5	.....	Oita Ken.....	44	18
Awomori Ken.....	1	.....	Okayama Ken.....	3	.....
Chiba Ken.....	3	5	Okinawa Ken.....	.....	.....
Fukui Ken.....	5	.....	Saga Ken.....	.....	.....
Fukuoka Ken.....	10	5	Saitama Ken.....	4	1
Fukushima Ken.....	9	4	Shidzuoka Ken.....	3	1
Gifu Ken.....	.....	.....	Shiga Ken.....	4	.....
Gumma Ken.....	.....	.....	Shimane Ken.....	.....	.....
Hioگو Ken.....	10	5	Tochigi Ken.....	6	1
Hiroshima Ken.....	.....	.....	Tokushima Ken.....	69	19
Ibaraki Ken.....	7	4	Tottori Ken.....	7	3
Ishikawa Ken.....	.....	.....	Toyama Ken.....	2	1
Iwate Ken.....	.....	.....	Wakayama Ken.....	.....	.....
Kagawa Ken.....	5	.....	Yamagata Ken.....	1	1
Kagoshima Ken.....	.....	.....	Yamaguchi Ken.....	2	.....
Kanagawa Ken (Yokohama)...	7	1	Yamanashi Ken.....	12	1
Kochi Ken.....	.....	.....	Yehime Ken.....	10	1
Kumamoto Ken.....	11	1	The Hokkaido.....	24	9
Miyagi Ken.....	13	4	Taiwan (Formosa).....	(†)	.....
Miyazaki Ken.....	8	1			
Miye Ken.....	24	2	Totals.....	590	172

*One case of plague; 1 death. †Fifty-three cases of plague; no report as to deaths.

MEXICO.

Yellow fever in Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, June 29, 1897.

SIR: I have to report 2 deaths from yellow fever, one in the British consulate, the other in the Castle of San Juan de Ulloa, both of malignant type.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES SCHAEFER,
United States Consul.